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Via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Re: HQ-2019-00886-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

All email communications and associated attachments sent by the below individuals containing any of the following search terms:

- i. SOCCR
- ii. SOCCR2
- iii. “Second State of the Carbon Cycle”
- iv. NCA
- v. NCA4
- vi. “National Climate Assessment”

American Oversight requests that DOE’s search include the following custodians:

- i. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry;
- ii. Deputy Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette;
- iii. Under Secretary of Energy Mark Menezes;
- iv. Under Secretary for Science Paul Dabbar;
- v. Any person serving as Chief of Staff to Secretary Perry during the relevant time period; and
- vi. Any person serving in the role of White House Liaison during the relevant time period.

Please provide all responsive records from Monday, November 19, 2018, through Friday, November 30, 2018.

Your request was assigned to DOE’s Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) and Office of Science (SC) to conduct searches of their files for responsive documents. DOE started its search on June 5, 2019, which is the cut-off date for responsive documents. DOE has completed its search but did not locate any documents responsive to your request.



Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive documents for ES and SC. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in ES and SC.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our May 21, 2019, letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the "other" category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact me or Ms. Rachel Fellows in this office at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585
(202) 287-6831

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,



Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information